# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# MINES
# LOK SABHA

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Captive Mines
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**Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) Whether the Government proposes to amend the mining laws to allow transfer of lease for captive mines during mergers & acquisitions (M & As) to help companies pare down their debt and also enable banks to recover some of the funds that are locked up and if so, the details thereof:

(b) Whether this move will also benefit other metal companies, which have been hit by an onslaught of cheap imports from China and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Government proposes to allow transfer of captive mining lease at the time of M&As with certain conditions and if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

(a): Yes Madam. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Bill, 2016, for allowing transfer of captive mining leases granted otherwise than through auction has been introduced in Lok Sabha and passed by it on 16.03.2016. The said Bill will also facilitate Banks and financial institutions to liquidate stressed assets mortgaged with them. The MMDR Amendment Bill, 2016, is to be taken up by Rajya Sabha for consideration and passing.

(a) (b): There will be no direct benefit to other metal companies resulting from this amendment.
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(c): The transfer of captive Mining leases granted other than through auction will be subject to terms and conditions and payment of any amount or transfer charges as prescribed by the Central Government in this behalf.

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